



**From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
November 9, 2022**

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love, and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor, and praise, now and forever. Amen.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/prayer-veterans-day>

Greetings Saint Pius Tenth School Families!

Just a uniform reminder that as of November 1, sweatpants must be worn over shorts outside of PE class. Also as of November 1, uniform shorts may no longer be worn with the dress uniform.

Please also make sure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions, as we may still be going outside for recess, PE classes, and fire drills.

Again this week, I humbly ask for your help in volunteering to work with others to serve as Service Club organizers. This club is for students in Grades 3 through 5. Unfortunately, this is one of the clubs that we may not be able to offer this year.

The club meets once a month after school and works to fulfill our call, as Catholics, to help those in need in our larger community. As members of the St. Pius Tenth community, this club has been such a huge part of who we are and a great demonstration of our mission. Please prayerfully consider helping our students learn the importance of giving back. Thank you!

***Apart from Service Club, our school community will be taking part in a project very near and dear to one of our own school families. Mrs. Laura Ames, mother of St. Pius 4th and Kindergarten students approached me to ask if we could have our students make Christmas cards to be sent to our troops in Djibouti for the holidays (they will be sent to the same unit that Mrs. Ames' father served with). I also learned that Mrs. Ames will be collecting items to be sent, as well.

I would like to make it a school-wide service project to help the Ames family in their effort to spread some joy to our troops who will be away from their families for the holidays.

Our students will not only be making cards, but we will also collect donations of non-perishable items that are incredibly difficult to get.

Some suggestions are:

toiletries (mouthwash, lotion, sunscreen, deodorant, hair products, etc.) **travel size please**, books/magazines, non-perishable food and snacks (no chocolate or anything that can melt during shipping please) beef jerky/slim jims, dried fruit, nuts, protein bars, powdered drink mixes that can be mixed with water, gum, gummy candy, etc.

What a great opportunity for our students to honor both veterans and active duty on this Veterans Day!

We will be collecting items from now until Tuesday, November 22. Classrooms will have boxes for students to place items. Thank you!

Weather related school information:

If school will be closed due to inclement weather or other uncontrollable conditions, information will be given over local television stations (by 7:00 AM whenever possible). We follow the GATES-CHILI Public School District. We will also send a text message blast as early as possible through our FACTS Student Information System platform.

Box Tops for Education Update:

Don't forget to submit your box tops for the Box Tops for Education Fall Challenge, the proceeds help by earning some cash to help our school. Grade 5 is creeping up to the 4th Grade's now narrow lead!

Each week in November, 1 lucky scanner will win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for their school — and the week of Giving Tuesday (11/22-29), we'll DOUBLE the prize to 10,000 Bonus Box Tops. Plus, we'll match each prize and give it to a school in need.

A new winner will be drawn each week, so tell school supporters to keep scanning their receipts all month long. Winners will be notified approximately one week after each entry period. Sweepstakes ends Giving Tuesday.*

Our next school liturgy is Friday, November 18. Please be sure that students are in full uniform even if they have PE that day, and please join us if you are able.

Amanda Varrone and Jim Tauzel will be assembling a children's choir for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be planned for Thursdays Dec 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Amanda Varrone: Amanda.varrone@yahoo.com

November 10, 2022 is a scheduled ½ day for students. Dismissal is at 11:45 AM.

Following is the information that we currently have regarding end of day dismissal transportation:

Brockport – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days

Churchville Chili – Will NOT transport on any of our scheduled ½ days

Gates Chili – Will transport on ONE of our ½ days (this will be on November 10)

Greece (Ontario Transportation) – As of right now, Ontario Transportation will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days

Hilton – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days

LeRoy – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days

Spencerport – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days

Wheatland Chili – Will NOT transport on any of our scheduled ½ days

St. Pius Tenth School ½ days this school year are November 10, 2022; December 22, 2022; February 17, 2023; March 17, 2023.

****Please see the carline dismissal map in this week's communication.**

November 10 is also our scheduled pick up day for fundraiser items. Pick up will be from 12:00 PM-3:00 PM, using the same carline format as is used for arrival and dismissal. Please pull through the carline down to the North end of the school building where items will be loaded into cars. If you know that you will be unable to come during the designated pick-up times, please let the office know, and we can make alternate arrangements. If items are in a small enough package, we can send this home with students, if you choose.

November 11 is a scheduled day off as we recognize and remember our Veterans.

The end of the first quarter of is Friday, November 11, 2022. Report Cards are scheduled to be distributed on November 18.

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM. The Zoom information is below.

Topic: PAC Meeting

Time: **Nov 14, 2022, 6:30 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84206421760?pwd=YTU2WStNeDgwVUs1c3ErUGRuVVNSQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 0642 1760

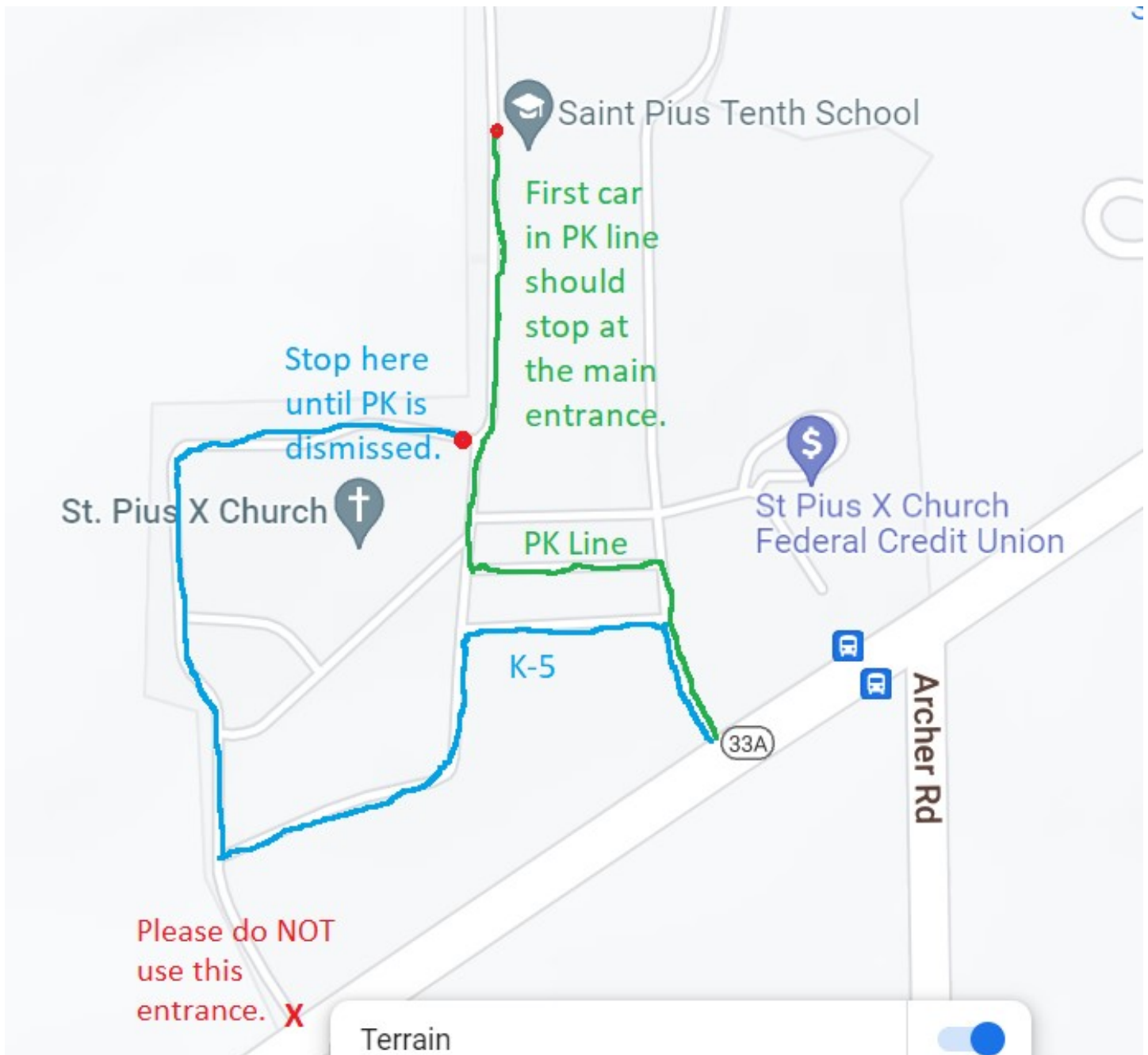
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November 23-25, Wednesday through Friday is our Thanksgiving Recess.

Please look for upcoming information about our December PAC meeting that will be an in-person meet and greet. This will be a great opportunity for community-building, as it will provide opportunity to meet other parents, ask questions and gather more information about what the committee does for our school.

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!

Carline Map



Tomorrow's carline will be extra long due to our half day dismissal. Please refer to the carline map above. All cars should enter at the east entrance (near the credit union). PK cars will pass between the school building and the church. The first car should stop at the main entrance to the school. K-5 cars should use the outer loop around the back of the church. First car should wait at the stop sign until motioned forward by school staff. PK dismissal begins at 11:30. K-5 dismissal begins at 11:45.

SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL NEWS

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Welcoming a New Class

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Returning to school brings many different feelings: excitement, anxiousness, and determination, to name a few. It is also a time for growth. Students entering the Fifth Grade at Saint Pius Tenth are no exception. Fifth grade students are the “big kids” of the school. For many, this brings a sense of confidence and pride in looking back at the many successes they have had at our school. For others, it may be a source of anxiousness due to not knowing what lies ahead next year. For all, it is a time to grow in many ways. Students are learning material that will prepare them for a successful transition into their middle school years.

They realize other students look up to them as role models, as the actions of the fifth graders are closely watched by younger students. Fifth graders have specific jobs that help the school in many ways. The students donate their time saying the rosary on Wednesdays. Dismissal helpers help teachers monitor children walking to their bus or to be picked up. There are students who help our Preschool teachers by gathering snack items for the day. Our flag is attended to daily by two students. Many of the fifth graders help in other areas as well such as the school supply cart and passing out milk at lunch. These jobs are a very important part of our school. Students who hold these jobs take them seriously and learn to understand their responsibilities. Each year the growth in maturity is evident in all students who hold a job, and it doesn't hurt that they have fun as well!

